

Appl. No. 10/063,772  
Amdt. dated January 18, 2005  
Reply to Office action of October 18, 2004

**REMARKS**

**1. Amendments to the claims:**

5 Claim 1 is amended to include all limitations of dependent claim  
3, which has been found by the Examiner to be allowable but  
objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim. Accordingly,  
claim 3 is cancelled. Claims 2 and 4 are also amended to recite  
the south bridge chipset limitation for consistency. No new  
10 matter is entered by these amendments.

Claims 6-9 are introduced. Claim 6 is independent and includes  
all limitations of original claim 1 and original claim 4, which  
has been found by the Examiner to be allowable but objected to  
15 as dependent on a rejected base claim. Claims 7, 8, and 9 are  
dependent and respectively correspond to original claims 2, 3,  
and 5. No new matter is entered by these amendments.

The applicant respectfully requests allowance once these  
20 amendments are entered.

**2. Rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being  
unpatentable over Walker et al. (US 5,632,039) in view of  
Ranson (US 5,689,202):**

25 This combination of prior art does not teach or suggest all  
limitations of claims 1-9. Withdrawal of this rejection is  
respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the claims.

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